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THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH IN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY RECOGNIZES NATIONAL WEEK OF PRAYER FOR THE HEALING OF HIV/AIDS

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Miami, FL – The Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade County recognizes National Week of Prayer for the Healing of HIV/AIDS. The National Week of Prayer for the Healing of AIDS (NWPHA) is an annual HIV awareness campaign that mobilizes faith communities and highlights the contributions and impact congregations are making in areas of HIV prevention, testing, direct service, advocacy, and community engagement. The NWPHA is an initiative of the Balm in Gilead.

Beginning Sunday, March 7th - Saturday, March 13, 2021; worship centers such as churches, synagogues, mosques; as well as other faith-based organizations are requested to pause for a moment of prayer for the healing of HIV/AIDS during their worship service where they will provide AIDS information to their communities. This national campaign continues to call men and women of faith to prayer and to take aggressive action in dismantling AIDS stigma; to model unconditional love and compassion to all persons living with and affected by HIV; to disseminate factual HIV education and to engage communities in HIV testing and treatment services.

National Week of Prayer for the Healing of AIDS (NWPHA) events

Visit <u>www.testmiami.org</u> to learn about events happening for National Week of Prayer for the Healing of AIDS events.

Working together, we can move towards Getting to Zero with no new HIV infections.

For more information, please call 305-643-7420. To learn where to get tested please visit www.knowyourhivstatus.com

Data sources: https://www.balmingilead.org/ and http://www.floridahealth.gov

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